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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.63, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant lists, provides copies, and provides concise explanations of the following references recently discovered related to the above-identified U.S. Patent Application.

1. U.S. Patent no. 6,084,608 issued July 4, 2000 to Harvey et al. discloses an ink jet wiping apparatus having a wiper blade comprising a flexible elastomeric matrix containing particles of a harder material than the matrix.
2. EP1366907 A1 published on December 3, 2002 to Paul Wouters discloses a method and apparatus for removing excess ink from inkjet nozzles plates. Drops are first removed by skimming the printhead. A skimmer just touches the ink drops which are drained from the printhead.
3. EP1366907 B1 published on December 3, 2002 to Paul Wouters discloses a method and apparatus for removing excess ink from inkjet nozzles plates. Drops are first removed by skimming the printhead. A skimmer just touches the ink drops which are drained from the printhead.

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